

March 24, 1966

Memorandum

To: Mr. C. R. Mason

From: Lester F. Dingman

Subject: Coast Range, Oregon; Pacific Region Engineer memorandum of March 10

In accordance with the request in the subject memorandum, we have reviewed the evidence for Coast Range versus Coast Ranges, including the name proposal and extensive bibliography submitted with the memorandum. We find the Board on Geographic Names decision for Coast Ranges to be still applicable as defined. However, we also find the name Coast Range to be applicable to a specific area, and we recommend this as an Official Standard Name with the following description:

Coast Range: mountain range extending from the Columbia River S to the Coquille River and the Middle Fork Coquille River; a segment of the Coast Ranges (BGN 1954); Oregon; 42°50' N, 123°49' W [S end], 46°10' N, 123°35' W [N end].

Whether to use Coast Range, Coast Ranges, or both on the Oregon State base map is, of course, a matter of editorial judgment.

We believe the distinction between the Coast Range and Coast Ranges to be sufficiently well documented in Federal, State, and other publications that it will not be necessary to submit it for approval of the State Board nor of the Board on Geographic Names.

We have reviewed the proposal for Willapa Hills, and recommend this also as an Official Standard Name with the description as follows:

Willapa Hills: mountain range extending from the Columbia River N to the Chehalis River; a segment of the Coast Ranges (BGN 1954) and geologically an extension of the Coast Range (OSN 1966) of Oregon; Washington; 46°40' N, 123°30' W (center). Not: Coast Range.